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PATENT APPLICATION of Nauss et al.

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FOR: MODEL FOR TESTING IMMUNOGENCITY OF PEPTIDES

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Asst. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 4, 2001, Applicants request entry of the following amendments to place the application in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal. Please consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 16, 17, 19, 20, 24, and 27-47.

Please amend the following claims:

15. (Twice Amended) [A vaccine] <u>An immunogenic</u> composition comprising: a peptide, wherein when said peptide is minimized, the minimized peptide <u>binds</u> [is capable of binding] to a Class II MHC receptor DR1 [and inhibiting] <u>inhibiting</u> the binding of HA residues 306-318, [and an immunologically acceptable carrier]

said peptide selected from the group consisting of

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